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SUBJ: INCREASE IN EGYPTIAN SECONDMENTS TO QATAR'S FOREIGN  
SERVICE

1. DURING RECENT CONVERSATION WITH QATARI AMBASSADOR TO U.S.,  
ABDULLAH AL MANA, WHO PRESENTLY ON CONSULTATIONS IN DOHA, WE  
QUERIED HIM RE RECENT ASSIGNMENT OF ABDUL MUNIM ATTIIYAH AS  
FIRST SECRETARY AT QATARI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. AL MANA  
CONFIRMED ATTIIYAH ASSIGNMENT AND TOLD US THAT HE WAS AN EGYPTIAN  
DIPLOMAT SECONDED TO GOQ. AL MANA EXPLAINED THAT DESPITE  
PERSISTENT EFFORTS, GOQ HAS BEEN UNABLE TO INTEREST YOUNG  
QATARIS WITH REQUIRED EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND LANGUAGE  
SKILLS TO SERVE IN ITS MORE DISTANT NON-ARAB-COUNTRY EMBASSIES,  
SUCH AS U.S. AND JAPAN. HE ASCRIBED RELUCTANCE OF YOUNG EDUCATED  
QATARIS TO SERVE ABROAD PRINCIPALLY TO NUMEROUS OPPORTUNITIES  
FOR THEM TO HAVE LUCRATIVE JOBS IN GOVT AND PRIVATE SECTOR  
AT HOME; THEY BELIEVED DOHA IS WHERE THE ACTION REALLY IS THESE  
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DAYS. THEREFORE, ACCORDING AL MANA, FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD TURNED

TO EGYPTIANS FOR ASSISTANCE AND AN INCREASING NUMBER OF EGYPTIAN DIPLOMATS WERE BEING POSTED TO QATARI EMBASSIES ABROAD.

2. WE NOTED TO AL MANA THAT SUCH SECONDMENTS OF THIRD COUNTRY DIPLOMATS COULD CREATE AN AWKWARD SITUATION IN THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE, TO DISCUSS SENSITIVE ITEMS IN BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH SUCH PEOPLE. HE ACKNOWLEDGED POINT, AND STATED THAT HE WOULD USE ATTIYAH IN WASHINGTON ONLY FOR INTERNAL ADMINISTRATIVE AND CONSULAR FUNCTIONS, AND THAT HE AND HIS NO. 2 WOULD HANDLE SUBSTANCE OF RELATIONS.

3. COMMENT: IN ADDITION TO EGYPTIAN PERSONNEL SECONDED TO QATARI FOREIGN SERVICE, EGYPTIANS ALSO OCCUPY KEY ADVISORY POSITIONS IN FOREIGN MINISTRY ITSELF. AT PRESENT THERE ARE EGYPTIAN DIPLOMATS OF COUNSELOR RANK IN ECONOMIC, UNITED NATIONS AND LEGAL DEPARTMENTS. ALTHOUGH THESE ARE ABLE, EXPERIENCED, AND GENERALLY WELL DISPOSED TOWARD U.S., IT IS AGAIN AWKWARD TO DISCUSS SENSITIVE BILATERAL PROBLEMS WITH THESE OFFICIALS WHO INEVITABLY BRING THEIR OWN NATIONAL BIAS INTO PICTURE. FOR EXAMPLE, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN NON-PRODUCTIVE TO DISCUSS RECENT KOREAN QUESTION WITH EGYPTIAN ADVISOR ON UN AFFAIRS. ALTHOUGH LABELED "ADVISORS", THESE OFFICIALS OFTEN PLAY OPERATIONAL ROLES AND ACCOMPANY QATARI DELEGATIONS ON STATE VISITS AND TO SUCH IMPORTANT CONCLAVES AS EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE AND ISLAMIC MEETINGS. ALTHOUGH UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES EGYPTIAN INFLUENCE ON THE FOREIGN POLICY PROCESS IN QATAR MAY BE GENERALLY BENEFICIAL TO US, THERE ARE AREAS WHERE US AND GOE POLICIES DIVERGE, AND IN SUCH INSTANCES THE BUILT-IN EGYPTIAN INFLUENCE HERE WILL NOT SERVE OUR INTERESTS.  
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